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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of a superseding indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Tafari Richardson with one count of distribution of 5 grams or more of cocaine base (“crack”), possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (“crack”), and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The superseding indictment alleges that, on August 18, 2009, Richardson possessed a Glock, Model 30, .45 caliber pistol (serial number MKR097), ammunition, and crack cocaine.

Upon conviction, he faces the following maximum sentence: life imprisonment, a \$4 million fine, a mandatory minimum of five years up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Neuman Leverett III.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Tafari Richardson	Reading, Pennsylvania	20

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.